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# Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 16, 2009**. After an arduous planting season, the weather in Mississippi has finally become agreeable for crop production. While most crops are stilled delayed, the warm temperatures and adequate moisture are a favorable augury for the rapidly approaching harvest. Soil moisture was rated 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 08/16/09

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	100	99	100	99
Corn, dent	98	94	98	95
Corn, mature	59	33	67	71
Corn, harvested	8	1	7	18
Corn Silage, harvested	80	60	74	89
Cotton, setting bolls	99	93	98	99
Cotton, open bolls	3	0	5	14
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	80	76	80	77
Rice, headed	84	72	79	94
Rice, mature	6	1	6	19
Rice, harvested	0	--	0	1
Sorghum, heading	100	100	98	100
Sorghum, coloring	76	55	78	92
Sorghum, mature	23	2	28	56
Sorghum, harvested	0	--	2	18
Soybeans, blooming	100	100	100	100
Soybeans, setting pods	98	94	96	98
Soybeans, turning color	26	15	23	49
Soybeans, dropping leaves	7	--	5	29
Watermelons, harvested	100	98	100	100

Crop condition for week ending 08/16/09

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	6	16	32	43	3
Cotton	2	9	32	45	12
Livestock	1	2	30	56	11
Pasture	1	15	36	35	13
Peanuts	0	5	16	60	19
Rice	1	4	30	56	9
Sorghum	1	1	49	42	7
Soybeans	3	8	26	46	17
Sweet Potatoes	3	7	21	57	12

## Comments

“Growers are watering soybeans and cotton. There was some corn harvested last week, and if it remains dry, more will be harvested this week.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Rains temporarily stopped hay harvest this week. Pastures are the best they have been all season. Army worms have become a problem in many Bermuda grass pastures and hay meadows. Hay supplies appear to be plentiful.”

— Mike Howell, Lee

“Some "high moisture" corn has been harvested. Weather permitting, corn with normal moisture levels will be harvested this week. Also, soybean harvest will probably start this week. Soybean rust was found in the area last Friday.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Corn harvest on dry land and some irrigated acres has begun. Crops are maturing, but soybeans and corn are late this year. Irrigation has restarted in soybeans. Some worms are being treated in crops.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Crops are progressing well; however, corn and cotton crops show results of stress resulting from extreme weather conditions during the growing season.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Things are unusually quiet!”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Frogeye leaf spot has been severe enough in isolated fields to warrant fungicide applications. Sudden death syndrome of soybeans is also apparent in some fields. Soybean insect populations generally remain below action thresholds with a few fields receiving insecticide applications to control three cornered alfalfa hoppers.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 08/16/09													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
<b>Upper Delta</b>													
Cleveland	95	68	82	82		0.00	-0.56	0	8.44				
Clarksdale	92	66	80	81	-1	0.00	-0.56	0	6.88				
Lambert 1W	95	66	82			0.00	-0.63	0	5.00				
Tunica	93	66	80	80		0.00	-0.56	0	2.16				
Extreme/Average	95	66	81	81		0.00	-0.56	0	6.77				
<b>North-Central</b>													
Batesville 2SW	93	63	79	79		0.31	-0.32	1	4.45				
Calhoun City	92	66	80	80		0.33	-0.37	1	5.15				
Hickory Flat	93	62	78	79	-1	0.75	-0.04	2	6.70				
Holly Springs 4N	92	59	77	78	-1	0.05	-0.72	1	5.82				
Independence	90	63	78	79	-1	0.00	-0.64	0	8.87				
Oxford	94	64	80	79	1	0.06	-0.71	1	4.85				
Water Valley	92	65	80	80	0	0.00	-0.77	0	2.80				
Extreme/Average	94	59	79	79		0.21	-0.49	1	6.28				
<b>Northeast</b>													
Booneville	91	65	78	79	-1	1.00	0.24	1	1.50				
Corinth 7SW	93	63	79	81	-2	1.07	0.42	1	3.28				
Tupelo 2	92	67	80			3.43	0.00	1	7.07				
Pontotoc Exp Stn	91	66	79	80	-1	4.37	3.67	1	10.36				
Verona	94	66	81	80	1	2.50	1.66	2	16.73				
Extreme/Average	94	63	79	80	-1	2.47	1.77	1	11.39				
<b>Lower Delta</b>													
Belzoni	95	69	83	81	2	0.06	-0.63	1	7.70				
Moorhead	94	68	82	82		0.11	-0.41	1	5.08				
Rolling Fork	96	69	82	81	1	0.01	-0.58	1	9.48				
Stoneville	95	65	82	82		0.00	-0.42	0	1.41				
Yazoo City 5NNE	92	69	81	82	-1	0.00	-0.77	0	12.26				
Extreme/Average	96	65	82	82		0.04	-0.55	1	7.42				
<b>Central</b>													
Canton 4N				81		0.31	-0.39	1	6.12				
Carthage	93	67	81	80	1	0.05	-0.76	1	7.61				
Eupora 2E	91	66	79	79	0	0.54	-0.09	2	6.23				
Forest 3s	94	64	79	80	-1	0.13	-0.82	1	4.60				
Kosciusko	92	67	80	81	-1	0.00	-0.79	0	1.45				
Extreme/Average	94	64	80	80		0.21	-0.56	1	4.60				
<b>East-Central</b>													
Aberdeen	93	69	81	80	1	0.50	-0.13	1	5.63				
Columbus	95	68	82	81	1	0.29	-0.51	1	4.89				
Louisville	94	69	81	79	2	0.15	-0.55	1	5.96				
Macon	93	67	80	81	-1	0.76	-0.08	1	5.15				
State University	94	66	80	80		1.37	0.63	2	6.66				
Extreme/Average	95	66	81	80	1	0.61	-0.12	1	6.15				
<b>Southwest</b>													
Brookhaven City	94	70	82	80	2	0.00	-0.98	0	7.26				
Crystal Springs Exp	95	68	82	81	1	0.69	-0.08	2	3.51				
Natchez	94	69	82	81	1	0.03	-0.83	1	6.83				
Port Gibson 1NE	94	68	81	80	1	0.38	-0.32	1	3.77				
Vicksburg	93	70	83			0.43	0.00	1	8.61				
Woodville 4ESE	94	70	82	81	1	0.67	-0.31	1	5.19				
Extreme/Average	95	68	82	81	1	0.37	-0.54	1	5.68				
<b>South-Central</b>													
Collins	94	69	82	81	1	0.00	-0.91	0	2.40				
Columbia	95	72	84	82	2	0.14	-0.90	1	4.23				
Monticello	96	71	84	81	3	0.59	-0.32	3	4.46				
Raleigh	93	65	79			0.48	0.00	2	4.61				
Extreme/Average	96	65	82	81	1	0.36	-0.65	2	3.43				
<b>Southeast</b>													
Hattiesburg	93	70	82	82		1.09	0.00	3	2.77				
Laurel	94	70	82	81	1	0.08	-0.83	1	1.85				
Newton Exp	94	66	80	80	0	1.09	0.24	3	3.71				
Waynesboro	96	69	82	80	2	0.00	-0.72	0	1.08				
Extreme/Average	96	66	82	81	1	0.57	-0.27	2	2.35				
<b>Coastal</b>													
Biloxi	91	73	82	82		1.25	-0.02	4	5.03				
Wiggins	93	69	82	81	1	0.24	-0.85	2	2.08				
Extreme/Average	93	69	82	82		0.75	-0.51	3	5.03				
<b>State</b>	96	59	81	81		0.52	-0.29	1	5.63				

DFN = Departure from Normal.